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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE THROUGH INTERNET AUCTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please change the title of the invention to:

**Methods And Apparatus For Facilitating Electronic
Commerce Through Internet Auctions**

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Page 1, Line 1, after the Title of the Invention, please insert the following:

--This patent application seeks priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

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09/166,779 filed October 6, 1998, which is a divisional of U. S. Patent Application Serial No.
08/554,704, now U.S. Patent No. 5,845,265, filed November 7, 1995, and U.S. Patent